GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2439
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EXPORT OF KNITTED FABRICS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total exports of Knitted fabric, Yarn, Cotton and Clothes during 1998-89 and 1999-2000;

(b) whether the export has been declining of these items during the above period;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2439 for 10-03-2000

(a) The export of textile items viz. garments, fabrics, made-ups and yarn were US$ 10635.7 million during the year 1998-99 and have been US$ 9043.7 million during the period April-January 2000.The exports of cotton amounted to Rs.83.60 crores during the cotton year 1998-1999 (Oct.-Sept) and have amounted to Rs.6.68 crores during the period October-February, 1999-2000.

(b) & (c): While there had been considerable slow down in growth of textile exports during 1998-99, textile exports have registered an improved growth of 3.4% during the period April-January 1999-2000 as compared to the growth of 1.1% during the corresponding period of previous year. The decline in cotton exports is mainly attributed to the domestic prices being higher than the international prices.

(d) Government have been taking several steps from time to time to boost textile exports. Some of the important initiatives are as under :-
1) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme has been made operational with effect from 1-4-1999 to facilitate the modernisation and Upgradation of this sector. 2) The New Export Entitlement (Quota) Policy for the period 2000-2004 has been announced recently to provide stability and continuity and encourage competitiveness in textile exports. 3) Non-Quota Entitlement (NQE) System for encouraging non-quota exports to quota and non-quota countries has been retained to boost exports in apparel sector-value added segment of Indian textiles. 4) Threshold limit under the Zero Duty Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme has beer reduced to Re. 1 crore in respect of certain prescribed textile machinery. 5) Exports of cotton yarn by Export Oriented Unit (EOU)/Export Promotion Zone (EPZ)/EPCG units has been liberalised. 6) Zero Duty import of certain categories of trimmings & embellishments has been allowed. 7) Technology Mission on Cotton has been launched with objectives of research, dissemination of technology to farmers, improvement in marketing infrastructure and modernisation of ginning and pressing factories to increase the productivity and quality of cotton.